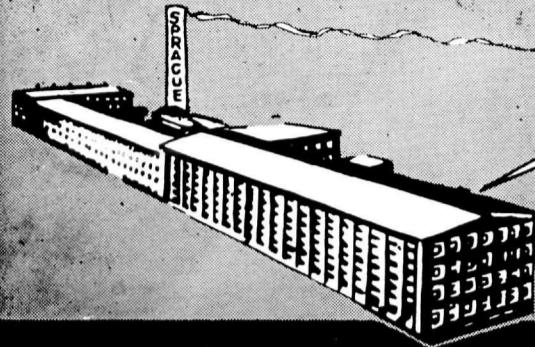


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"Dust or Destiny" Shown to Local School Children

A film "Dust or Destiny", sponsored by the National Association of Foremen, was shown at one of the recent Sprague Electric Management Club meetings. Due to the educational value as well as the entertainment value of this film, the Management Club arranged to have it shown at the local schools.

This internationally famous Moody Bible Institute film is best described as a fifty minute portrayal of the incomparable marvels of nature and how futile man's scientific equipment is in comparison to such marvels as the birds' twenty thousand mile trip from the South Pole in the winter to the North Pole in the summer. These winged creatures, without the complicated scientific instruments of man, are able to navigate from one pole to another. A bird called the Pacific Golden Plover performs a remarkable feat in making an annual pilgrimage from Alaska to the Hawaiian Islands. These and many other of the amazing features of nature make up this film.

The fact that the school children of North Adams immensely enjoyed "Dust or Destiny" is indicated by the letters Donald Meiklejohn, Secretary of the Management Club, received from them.

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Independence Day

The Company has announced that all departments will be closed at the regular closing hours on Thursday, July 3, and will reopen at regular starting hours on Monday, July 7.

Eligible employees, with at least six months' seniority, will be paid for Independence Day in accordance with the provisions in their respective bargaining unit agreements.

Any work performed on Friday, July 4, will be paid for in accordance with the Company's contractual agreements.

Former Employee Voted Most Valuable Accountant

Rolfe Wyer, former Sprague Electric employee and son-in-law of Arthur Mathews, Safety Director, has been named "Most Valuable Member" of the San Diego Chapter, National Association of Cost Accountants.

Honored for his contributions to the accounting profession last year, Mr. Wyer was presented with a trophy at a chapter meeting. He is the first recipient of the trophy which is planned as an annual award. Mr. Wyer is Supervisor of Budgets and Systems at the Solar Aircraft Company.

Mrs. Wyer, the former Veronica Mathews, was employed at one time in the Network Lab.

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Little Bigger League Baseball Team Sponsored by Sprague Management Club

Lemac is a familiar word to television fans, but lately North Adams residents have been becoming acquainted with Semac. Semac isn't spelled backwards; it's left just the way it is and it stands for the Sprague Electric Management Club. The Management Club sponsored Little Bigger League Baseball Team wear Semac proudly across the front of their uniforms.

And Semac has been doing a fine job since the opening of the Little Bigger League baseball season. Their first encounter against the TWUA Team (Windsor Print Works) resulted in a 8-3 victory for Semac. Their next game, with the Lions, brought a 8-2 triumph.

The team is composed of fifteen young men between the ages of 13 and 15. The Little Bigger League is designed to supply baseball experience for boys too old for Little League Baseball and too young for high school baseball.

The Management Club, as sponsors, buy equipment for the team including uniforms, bats, and balls. They even supply insurance. Alfred Bergeron, Foreman of Paper Rolling and Paper

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Hobby Show Pictures

Pictures of the Sprague Electric Hobby Show, which was held on May 10, were featured in the Home Town Pictorial section of the Boston Sunday Advertiser, June 22 issue. The Hobby Show photos, which were taken by Al Horsfall, appeared in the May 16 issue of the LOG.

E. Purpura and Team Do Fine Job for Hospital



Ernest Purpura



David Cates

Ernest Purpura, Department Head of the Drafting Section of Specifications Engineering, has proved that he is a good salesman. As Captain of the team of solicitors which reported collecting \$4,707 at the hospital report meeting held on June 19, Ernie really sold the idea of a new hospital to many North Adams people. This was the best individual record among the men's teams in North Adams.

Going from door to door as a hospital worker, Ernie found that people had to be convinced of the need for their contributing. When asked how he went about persuading people to give, and give generously to the new health center, Ernie replied, "You just have to talk to them". And he did a lot of talking for approximately 40% of that \$4,707 was collected by Ernie personally.

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David Cates has been transferred to the Sprague Electric Kingston Plant as Personnel Manager responsible for all Employee Relations and Personnel activities at the branch plant. At Kingston, Mr. Cates will report to William W. Stifler, Jr., Manager.

Mr. Cates became associated with Sprague Electric in November of 1950 and acted as Assistant to John D. Washburn, Director of Personnel. In the fall of 1951, he took over the duties of Night Foreman covering the second and third shifts at the Wire Coating Department in Bennington. While acting as Night Foreman, he continued to spend time in the Personnel Department in North Adams.

Prior to being transferred to Kingston, Mr. Cates received additional training in the Employee Relations

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Sales Training Program -- Participants in the sales training orientation program meet with Walter Clark, Head of the Product Engineering Department, for a discussion of the functions of his department. They are from left to right, George Ferran, William Woodbury, Andrew Ferguson, Joseph Mucha, and Neal Hunter. Mr. Clark is standing. Mr. Ferran came to Sprague Electric in 1951 and is Assistant Manager of Exports. Mr. Woodbury represents the Sprague Products Company as a contact man in the Southern California district, working out of the Los Angeles Office. Mr. Ferguson is a newcomer to Sprague Products and at the present is working out of the North Adams Office on new accounts. Mr. Mucha joined Sprague Electric this spring and is attached to the Sales Office under Mr. Neal Welch. Mr. Hunter, a graduate engineer from Syracuse University, has been with Sprague Products since March, 1950 as a field engineer giving technical talks to dealers. This training course was designed to give the sales personnel an overall picture of Sprague Electric products, manufacturing facilities, and product application. The course extended from June 16 to June 25.

Sprague Electric Golf Tournament to be Held at Taconic Club in August

Williams Nine Bows to Harvard in Season Final

Williams completed its baseball season with a defeat at the hands of Harvard before a large crowd on Weston Field, the score being 4-3.

Errors proved costly to the Purple nine as the five misplays charged to the team figured in the scoring of the visitors who had broken a 1-1 tie by scoring a run in the previous session. They made the final tally which spelled their margin of victory in the eighth when a throw to the plate was missed, allowing the runner to score.

Coach Bobby Coombs elected to use each of his three pitchers for three innings during the final contest, regardless of their performance. Howie Babcock started off and left the mound with the score 1-0 in his favor. Mike Puffer then took over and worked the next three frames. The two teams were deadlocked, 1-1, when he gave way to John Beard in the seventh. The last Purple pitcher deserved better success but errors behind him proved costly.

Williams was the first to score, getting a run in the third, Babcock got a infield hit, and took third on Creer's double. Capt. Bill Callaghan brought him home with a single to left.

Harvard tied in the fourth. Walsh walked and Crowley nicked Puffer for a bingle which sent his teammate to third. He scored on an error. Harvard forged ahead with a run in the seventh which saw Beard on the hill for Williams. An infield boot and Smith's double accounted for the run.

Four Harvard hits mixed with a couple of errors gave Harvard its two scores in the eighth. Williams then came to bat and got two runs. Callaghan beat out a bunt and scored on Connolly's long triple to centerfield. The latter scored on an infield out but Harvard then retired the side.

The summary:

Harvard	ab	r	h	o	a	e
Smith, cf.....	5	0	1	2	0	0
Robinson, rf.....	4	0	0	3	0	0
Johnson, 1b.....	4	0	0	6	1	0
Walsh, c.....	2	1	1	7	0	0
Switzer, lf.....	4	1	1	3	0	0
Wise, 3b.....	4	1	1	0	3	0
Crowley, 2b.....	4	0	2	2	3	1
Krinsky, ss.....	4	0	0	4	1	2
Groper, p, lf.....	4	1	1	0	0	0

Totals.....	35	4	7	27	8	3
Williams	ab	r	h	o	a	e

Creer, 3b.....	5	0	2	4	4	0
Callaghan, 2b.....	5	1	2	1	0	1
Sullivan, 1b, lf.....	3	0	0	3	2	0
Beard, p.....	1	0	0	0	0	0
Connolly, rf.....	3	1	1	0	0	0
Hawkins, ss.....	3	0	0	0	0	0
Miller, ss.....	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dorsey, cf.....	4	0	0	0	0	1
DePopolo, c.....	3	0	0	9	1	2
Atkins, lf.....	1	0	0	1	0	0
Callahan, Ho.....	3	0	1	5	0	0
Babcock, p.....	1	1	1	1	0	0
Puffer, p, lf.....	2	0	1	2	1	0

Totals.....	34	3	8	27	9	5
Harvard.....	000	100	120	4		
Williams.....	001	000	020	3		

RBL—Smith, Groper, Callaghan, Connolly, Miller; 2B—Wise, Smith, Creer 2; 3B—Connolly; SB—Johnson, Callaghan; Left—Harvard 10, Williams 8; BB—Groper 1, Babcock 2, Puffer 3, Beard 1; SO—Groper 2, Babcock 3, Puffer 3, Beard 2; HO—Babcock 1 in 3, Puffer 1 in 3, Beard 5 in 3; Loser—Beard; U—Boyd, Kitch; T—2:16.

Sullivan Contest Judge

Jack Sullivan is now the LOG Fishing Contest judge at the Beaver Street Plant. George LaBombard, who was the Beaver Street judge, has moved to the Marshall Street Plant.



Memorial Day week end saw many Sprague Electric fishing enthusiasts making the trip to Lake Champlain for several days of sport. At the left, left to right: Foggy Burnett, Maintenance, Gerald Sullivan, Shipping, and Stanley Pasierbiak, Shipping, with their catches. At the right, left to right: Najib Davis, Shipping, Joe Oliverie, and Anthony Saltamartini, Shipping. They had good luck, too. When making that week end or vacation trip, remember to enter the big one in the LOG Fishing Contest.

Ty Cobb, Baseball Immortal, Thinks Game Was Better in the Old Days

Ty Cobb, the "old Georgia Peach", one of baseball's immortals, may have bitten off more than he could chew when he recently loosed a blast at present-day baseball. Here are some of his specific complaints about the game as it's played today:

"Some of the most publicized hitters of recent years—I'm thinking especially of Ted Williams and Joe DiMaggio—have limped on one cylinder. Playing the same way in the old days, they would never have hit the top."

"Most players don't learn the fundamentals. Most of them don't practice. They don't even train. The sole project, encouraged by the lively ball and short fences is to hit homers."

"Nobody in the majors—not even Jackie Robinson, Sam Jethroe, or Minnie Monoso—is a first-class base-runner. Old-time pitchers and catchers wouldn't have let them steal often."

Ty complimented Phil Rizzuto and Stan Musial, as the only major-leaguers "who can be mentioned in the same breath with the old-time greats". He really blasted Joe DiMaggio. About Joe, Cobb wrote:

"Another modern who made a name for himself without even scratching the surface of his talents. Joe was perhaps the greatest natural player who ever lived. But, like Williams, he never liked hitting to the opposite field. Worse, he was perhaps the outstanding example of how modern players neglect to train and keep in condition. He hated physical exertion...he went to camp with his muscles weakened and soft. Naturally, he got hurt a lot. He will never know how great a player he might have been."

The immortal took similar pokes at other players in the game. Commenting on the batting deficiency of today's players, he declared; "Any-

body's little sister can learn to bunt". Cobb's articles have echoed from the Grapefruit League to the corner barbershop. Anyone who ever threw a ball had an opinion.

Bucky Harris, veteran Manager of the Washington Senators, made the best comment. His verdict, "Ty Cobb is nuts".

On the other hand, another great immortal, Roger Hornsby, Manager of the St. Louis Browns, said: "Cobb is right in everything he says."

Clark Griffith, President of the Senators, took issue with Cobb, though he is 82 himself. He said: "Those old fellows who get out of the game should keep their mouths shut. The ball players of today are just as good as they were in Cobb's day or mine."

Ducky Medwick, the old St. Louis Cardinal Gas Houser, had this to say: "I'm 40. And I can play a lot better than 50% of those donkeys in the major leagues now. I agree with Ty Cobb in a lot of ways."

Bill Meyer, Manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, took special issue with Cobb on the two-platoon system:

"I don't know how he can talk about the two platoons. When he managed Detroit, Cobb had two separate teams—one for right-hand pitchers and the other for the southpaws. And the Detroit Club set a record then for hitting into double plays."

Even Dizzy Dean, the old St. Louis Cardinal favorite and now a radio announcer, threw a fast one at Cobb: "The old guy has heard them say he was the greatest ball player that ever lived and by now he's begun to believe it himself."

Not even in his stormiest days as a player could the old Georgia Peach stir up the mixup that has been raging around his opinions today. Ty is in the middle of a fight again.

Sprague Electric Golf Tournament
Taconic Golf Club, Williamstown
Sunday, August 3, 2:00 p.m.
(Green's Fee \$2.50 for Non-members)

Count me in.....

Department..... Telephone Number.....

My handicap is.....

I have no handicap but expect to shoot.....

(Clip this coupon and send it to Bill Phelps,
Personnel Department, Marshall Street)

All entries must be in by July 30.

Mark Hopkins Captures Grammar School Crown

Mark Hopkins defeated Johnson, 8-5, to win the Grammar School Baseball Championship of the city. R. Superneau opposed Oakes on the hill.

Here is the final standings of both Divisions:

Eastern Division:	W	L
Mark Hopkins.....	5	
Houghton.....	3	2
Freeman.....	3	2
St. Joseph's.....	1	3
Notre Dame.....	0	4
Western Division:	W	L
Johnson.....	3	0
Haskins.....	2	1
Brayton.....	1	2
Holy Family.....	0	3

Ole Bobo Newsom Back In Major League Baseball

One of the most traveled men in baseball, Louis (Bobo) Newsom, is back in the major leagues—this time with the Philadelphia Athletics.

Ole Bobo, as he likes people to call him, had a 1-1 record with the Senators before one of his favorite bosses in 22 years of campaigning. Clark Griffith decided Newsom had overstayed his

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The Sprague Electric Company is sponsoring a Golf Tournament for all employees, professionals and duffers alike. This Tournament will be held at the Taconic Golf Club in Williamstown on Sunday afternoon, August 3 at 2:00 p.m. For those who are not members of the Club, the green's fee will be \$2.50. An assortment of prizes is being gathered together by the Tournament Committee which is composed of Harold Carson, Ralph Fresola, and Bill Phelps. Elsewhere in this copy of the LOG, you will find an entry blank which should be filled in and returned to Bill Phelps, Personnel Department, Marshall Street, as soon as possible if you wish to enter the Tournament.

If you do not have a Club handicap, all you need to do is to guess at what score you will make and the Committee will liberally assign you a handicap for the Tournament. It will be the Committee's aim to place each entrant as carefully as possible into the class to which he belongs so that duffers will be playing with duffers and pros will be playing with pros.

Get your house painted now, mow the lawn, take care of the kids next Sunday, and get home early nights for the next week, so that your wife will allow you to have Sunday afternoon, August 3, off.

5000 to Drown This Summer

Following a Few Safety Rules
Might Save Many Who Will
Die in the Water This Summer

Luck will run out this summer on at least 5,000 persons who gamble in the water. It more probably will be closer to 7,000 before the swimming season ends and deaths by drownings have been counted for the season.

Maybe that seems a small number of fatal accidents when you consider we are viewing this from a national picture, and that as many as 80 million people or more go swimming in the United States every summer. But the number doesn't matter if you happen to be one of the victims.

The reason for the large number of deaths by drowning each year is due to the fact that nine out of every ten persons who go swimming and boating are not properly prepared to enjoy water sports.

Most of the drownings could be eliminated by using common sense, but like traffic accidents which could be cut down by pedestrians looking before crossing, too many water enthusiasts leap before they look. The results are well end tragedied, and vacations marred by death.

Unless you are a skilled swimmer, never go beyond your depth. Know the limitation of your swimming ability. Preferably select a safe place to swim, preferably one supervised by a life guard.

Never stay in the water until you become fatigued. Tired swimmers have no endurance and their buoyancy is impaired.

No matter how well you can swim, never go alone. It is wise to know artificial respiration, too, because you never know when that fearful cry of "Help!" will pierce your ears and place upon you the moral responsibility for saving a drowning person's life.

Shocking as it is, most drownings occur in water not more than nine feet deep and not more than 10 yards from shore. The majority of drownings are among persons from 15 to 19 years old, the greater percentage is among men. Men meet death by drowning more frequently than women primarily because a good many men try to show

off skills they do not possess. For every 100 drownings, about 87 are males. Remember, no one needs to drown when you are around even if you can't swim. In an emergency, you can always help.

Assume, for instance, that you can't swim, and there is a water accident near where you are standing. If you happen to be near a dock or in a pool within reach of the victim, you can draw him to safety by falling to your stomach and reaching out over the water as far as you safely dare, grasping the victim's wrist drawing him slowly to safety.

Another immediate action to take is to grab any handy item, such as a towel, a shirt, a branch, or a pole and extend it to the victim. He'll grab it and you pull him in. If there is a rope or a life buoy handy, throw it with an underhand swing.

Just remember this—most aquatic accidents are preventable. Most drowning victims are untrained or incompletely trained persons who venture beyond their depth—gambling on their luck—without knowing how to get back.

Similarly, most boating accidents are preventable, too. Vacation-wise, boating and swimming go together, so it is well to know some common sense rules for boating, too. The cardinal rule, of course, is that you never change seats unless you are close to shore and then only if you know how.

Always remember this, that if the boat should turn over, it is a life saver if you hang on to it. Stay with the boat until help arrives.

Keep these simple safety rules in mind, and enjoy a safe vacation.

Attention, tennis players! If you would like to play in a Sprague Electric Tennis Tournament, call Bill Phelps, Personnel Department, 390, and tell him so. If it is found that enough people are interested, a Tournament will be planned.

Highlights in Sports

Eddie Toole places Bob Yeadon of Drury at first base on his All-Berkshire nine selected for the Springfield Sunday Republican. No other players from this end of the county are included on the first choice, but Cary McLain of Williamstown is named on the second team.

Dick Groat, Duke University baseball star and All-American basketball player, signed as bonus player with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Tommy Holmes, fired recently as Boston Braves Manager, joined the Brooklyn Dodgers as pinch-hitter and utility outfielder.

Red Sitko, former Notre Dame halfback, has been engaged by the Chicago Cardinals to play pro football next fall.

Dick Klamsforth of Groveport, Ohio, is the holder of the Third National 100-mile Motorcycle Race Championship.

St. John's High of Worcester, who beat Pittsfield in the Western Massachusetts Baseball Tournament, won the State Schoolboy Baseball Championship by trimming Newton High, 6-2, following up its recent success in taking Western Massachusetts diamond laurels.

Bob Newsom Is Back

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1952 visit. He was released and went home to Alabama.

Newsom broke into the big time in 1929 and has played with every American League Team except the Chicago White Sox and Cleveland Indians. He has traveled the road and played the home stands with the New York Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers of the National League on a couple of occasions.

Little Bigger League

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Ignition Assembly, is the Club representative on the Board of Directors who oversees the activities of the Semacs. The team is managed by Jimmie Preite, assisted by Bob Allen.

When the Semacs run out onto the field for a game, they are dressed in grey uniforms with caps, socks, and lettering in the blue and gold Sprague colors.

In addition to the Management Club sponsored Little Bigger League Team, Little League teams are supported by the Sprague Electric Company and the ICW No. 2.

David Cates Transferred

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Department so to be fully equipped to carry on that phase of his responsibility.

Mr. Cates is a graduate of the University of Maine which he attended after serving with the U. S. Marines during World War II. He is married and has one daughter. His family make their home in Williamstown, but they plan to join him in Kingston in the near future.

E. Purpura and Team

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Captain Purpura had seven workers on his team. Among them were Henry Callan, Western Electric resident inspector, Paul Fern, Sales Office, and Duncan McNaughton, General Accounting. Mr. Callan served as Lieutenant.

The Purpura team was in the division directed by Fred B. Windover, Sales Office, which was the top men's division with a total of \$14,274. John D. Washburn, Director of Personnel, was also a team Captain in this division and his team reported \$4,691.

Riders Wanted

Wanted—passengers from Adams to Marshall Street, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. shift. Call Al Groves, Small Order S., Marshall Street, or Adams 1004-W.



*Staff
Joseph Bushika, Jr., of Molding, decided he would like to go fishing so he cut himself a pole from a nearby tree, hung a string with an attached hook on the home-made pole, and pulled this fine trout from the stream. It's the sort of thing that makes fishermen wonder.*

"Dust or Destiny"

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One of the letters was from Patricia Esposito, a student at the Johnson School. Patricia writes:

Dear Mr. Meiklejohn:

The pupils of the eighth grade of Johnson School would like to thank you for making possible the sending of the picture "Dust or Destiny". At one time or another we should study about the things that were in the picture, such as the experiments with the bats, how the fish eggs are hatched, how the heart, ear, and eye work; then when we come to them we would have had a little bit of experience already. We always like to know that the industries think so much of our schools.

Very truly yours,
Patricia Esposito

Nancy Knox, seventh-grade pupil at Johnson School, found the film very interesting. She writes:

My dear Mr. Meiklejohn:

The pupils of the seventh grade were very glad to see the picture which you sent to our school. It was both interesting and educational. We have studied the heart and the ear, but never have we seen them so much in detail. It's amazing how someone can take such wonderful pictures, and even more amazing that we should get the opportunity to see them.

I never knew that a bat used his voice as radar and that people could record his tiny voice. It is very interesting to watch how scientists find out everything they do and the marvelous machines they use.

I think that if it were possible to show all the pagans in the world that picture, there would no longer be pagans on this earth.

Sincerely yours,
Nancy Knox

The Management Club found it very gratifying to receive the nice letters from Patricia and Nancy.

A Lancashire woman, wishing to lose weight, has been put on a diet by her doctor. One day a friend dropped in and was amazed to behold her tackling with great appetite a large potato-pie.

"I thought you were on a diet!" exclaimed a visitor.

"Aye, so I am," was the reply. "But I've had me diet, and now I'm havin' me dinner."

Circus Coming To Town For Benefit Of Kiwanis' Youth And Child Welfare Work

The circus will be in North Adams, Monday, June 30, and will bring a treat—a real, old-fashioned street parade. Adults have not seen such a parade in decades and some children have never seen one. The King Bros. and Cristiani Combined Circus has secured the necessary equipment, some of it from museums. There will be a steam calliope, fifteen elephants, cages of wild animals, four bands, clowns, pretty girls on prancing horses, etc. The parade will reach Main Street at 11 a.m.

The North Adams Kiwanis Club is sponsoring the performance which will be at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the State Street grounds. The Club's share of

the proceeds will be devoted to its youth and child welfare work. Tickets may be purchased in advance from members of the Club and at the Kiwanis booth on Main Street.

Featured in the show are the famous Cristiani family of bareback riders, Hugo Zacchini who is shot from a cannon for over 200 feet, jugglers, acrobats, aerialists, clowns, a huge menagerie of wild animals, and all the other exciting attractions of a circus. The circus expects to arrive in North Adams early Sunday, June 29.

There will be no performance on that day, but residents will have an opportunity to observe a circus at rest.

Marshall Street News

Building No. 3

by Breezy

Graduation congratulations go to **Al Puccio**, who received his diploma from Drury, **Pat Nutting**, who received hers from Williamstown High, and to **Jean Hayden's** husband, Mike, who received his diploma from Williams College. Our best wishes for a successful and happy future.

Can everyone follow a straight line and take sharp corners? I hope so or you may have trouble getting to work some morning.

We hear **Ginger Caron**, **Pat Nutting**, and **Al Puccio** had an enjoyable time at the proms they recently attended. All looked rather sleepy the next day.

A hearty welcome is extended to **Ann Washburn** who is now with the Advertising Department, and to **Ruth Williams** who is with Sprague Products. We hope you both will enjoy working with us.

Belated greetings to **Angie Chase** who celebrated a birthday recently and to **Jean Hayden** who had a birthday this month. Jean also celebrated her first wedding anniversary. Best wishes to you, Jean. And speaking of Jean, while she is on a leave of absence this summer, **Virginia Spencer** is taking her place. Good to have you back with us again, Virginia.

We extend our sincere sympathy to **Janice Fowler's** sister and family in their recent bereavement.

Test Equipment Engineering

by Mary Cantoni

We are looking forward to the July 4 week end, especially your reporter who is going on a two-week vacation.

Sorry to hear **Bob Bardsley** is ill. We miss you, Bob, hurry and get well.

Ed Lamphier loves to have extra guests drop in for Sunday dinners. The more the merrier he says. Ed has his courage with the price of potatoes.

Congratulations to **Charlie Lincoln's** son who graduated from Drury this month. Charlie Jr. expects to be working for Uncle Sam in a few weeks.

Last year, spring found the boys wearing bow ties. This year, it's no more passing out cigarettes. The new motto is roll your own. It's quite an art.

Don't you think it would be fun to sit in back of **Eddie Shaker** and **Bill Champagny** during a Red Sox and Yankee game?

While reading a magazine, I ran across a definition of a friend. I thought I would pass it on. "A friend is a person who always knocks before entering, but who never knocks after leaving."

Ceramics

by Ida and Ginny

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. **Francis Wilson** on the birth of a son. With the smile and the cigar, Mr. Wilson certainly looked proud. We wish Mrs. Wilson a speedy recovery. While she has been hospitalized, Mr. Wilson has had his hands full keeping his two healthy and active daughters out of mischief. We parents sympathize. We all have gone through that experience at some time or another.

Louis Ross, a former employee now in the service, paid us a visit and we were glad to see him looking so well.

Nettie Murphy is enjoying her annual vacation.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Clifford Duhaime** who is to be married in July.

Best wishes to **Celia Stasiowski**. She celebrated her 15th wedding anniversary on June 20.

Happy birthday to **Lorraine Kolis** who celebrated on June 21.

We are glad **Anne Scully** is back to work and feeling well again.

Round Midget Assembly

by Anon

Midge Valotta has left us for a leave. Before going we presented her with gifts for the little stranger. Good luck, Midge, we are thinking of you.

Rose Mazza is enjoying her vacation.

Congratulations to **Mary Leja** on the birth of her baby. May she grow up to be a joy to you.

Vi Levesque was presented with a birthday cake and she told the girls she went to school with Jack Benny, believe it or not.

During the storm on June 18, **Alice Moreau's** house was struck by lightning and we are sorry to report quite a little damage was done.

Peggy Daub's nephew, Frannie, on seeing hailstones for the first time called his grandmother to come and see it rain ice cubes.

Helen Modena is happy these days as her brother and family are here from Youngstown, Ohio.

Advice to vacationers — especially on motor trips, the best road map is folding greenbacks.

Overeating—the destiny that ends our shape.

Julia Dubois was a guest at a birthday party complete with cake and ice cream and she was presented with a beautiful bouquet. Also, she is very proud of her daughter who was chosen queen of Adams High School. It's nice to be a mother.

Our sympathy is extended to the Forgea family on the death of Jessie, our former co-worker at Brown Street.

Flat Midget Assembly

by Carmie

Amelia Couture is enjoying her vacation.

Theresa Estes and **Adrian Darling** are back from their vacations.

Adrian Darling celebrated his 18th birthday June 10 and was presented with a gift from the rollers.

Congratulations to **Hazel Lillie's** son, Bob Moulton, who graduated from Drury. May the future bring you as much joy as your basketball playing brought your mother and friends.

Congratulations to **Eva Daldoss'** nephew, Jackie Carlton, who graduated from high school this week. Jack has chosen the Navy for his future. Best of luck.

We welcome **Isabelle Corbosiero** back from her leave of absence.

Robert Barbuto and **Adrian Darling** attended the spring prom.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. **Nick Fulginiti** on their anniversary, June 21.

Machine Shop

by John and Nick

W. Schink of the Auxiliary Police Department was called out during the recent storm and did a very efficient job directing traffic at the corner of Main and State Streets. Bill did well fishing recently, too. He landed a three-foot eel weighing over 3 pounds at Lake Champlain.

John Murray won first prize in the Fishing Derby held by the North Adams Sportsmen's Club on June 15. He caught a 15 inch, 1½ pound Brown Trout.

We extend our sympathy to **Rudolph Drobiak** in his recent bereavement.

Retail Sales

by Barb and Mario

Avelina King and hubby celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on June 6.

We were sorry to see **Kathleen Collins**, **Emma Tadiello**, **Eleanor Goff**, and **Lucille Matranga** leave us. We'll miss them very much.

Sis Vaudnais and **Doris Millette** were recently out on their vacations. Sis spent a week end of her vacation in New York and Doris spent hers at home.

We have a couple of proud mothers in our department. **Florence Richards'** son, Tommy, plays in the Little League Baseball. He's a pitcher with the Eagle's Team. **Bea Campedelli's** son, Bill, is a pitcher with the Sprague Electric Management Team, Little Bigger League Baseball.

Henry Garnari celebrated his birthday on May 30.

Filters

by Ginger

Birthday greetings to **Daisy Allen**, **Claire Danis**, and **Gladys Griffin**.

Ruth Haskins' daughter, Joan, graduated from Drury this month. Joan is considering going to business college. **Mazie Foley's** daughter, Nancy, and **Grace Sherry's** daughter, Ann, graduated from St. Joe's. Ann wants to train to be a nurse and Nancy hasn't decided what she wants to do yet. Good luck to all of the graduates in whatever they decide to do.

Jean Merrow and her husband are the proud parents of a daughter, Janine Pearl, born May 3.

Eddie Landry and **Henry Testa** recently attended a Red Sox game.

Margaret Isherwood and **Eddie Rivers** have new cars.

Mae Stratton is on sick leave. We hope you are feeling better and will be back with us soon, Mae.

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC LOG

F. P. Assembly

by Cora Ryan

Marion Sherman and **Lorraine Marceau** spent their vacation in New York. They had a grand time and saw some shows including "The Moon is Blue".

Minnie Hamlin spent a week in New Bedford. She had such a nice tan she hated to come home.

Dorothy Lewis and hubby spent a week traveling up to the Canadian border and down the coast to Boston. They visited friends in Boston and spent the rest of the time at their new home on Stratton Road in Williams-town.

Donald Walsh has been having a grand time driving his No. 14 car in the stock car races at the State Line. It's quite a paint job, Don. He has us on edge when he gets in those tight spots. The best of luck, Don.

Grace McConnell was a busy girl. Her son, Billie, graduated from grammar school, June 16. There is always plenty to do at a time like that.

Julia Tash is proud of her sister, Jeannette. She was Valedictorian of her class at the St. Joseph graduation. Congratulations, Jeannette.

Everett Harvey paid us a surprise visit recently. He joined the Marines a few months ago and is home on leave.

Mary Zonas' daughter, Madelyn, and her husband are here. Madelyn's husband is in the service and they have been living at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, but now he is on leave as he expects to be shipped out soon. Then, Madelyn will remain with her mother.

We are waiting patiently for **Della Grant** to come back with us. Della has been home with a bad eye since March. Hurry, Della, we miss you.

Leona Charbonneau underwent a minor operation at the Plunkett Memorial Hospital. Understand she is coming along fine. Hurry back, Blondie.

Our deepest sympathy goes to **Leona Charbonneau** on the death of her grandmother.

Shipping

by C. T.

Rosetta Duquette, Ernest Gregory, Gerald Sullivan, and Anthony Saltamartini have enjoyed early vacations this year.

Ted Grogan's daughter, Linda Lou, is convalescing after a tonsilectomy operation.

Frances Patenaude's son has recovered from an attack of the measles.

June Pringle was bridesmaid at her brother's wedding.

Heat Seal:

Congratulations to **Betty Beckwith** who has been transferred to Office Methods. Lots of luck in your new position, Betty.

Product Engineering

by Fran Melito

Hi, **Mary Ann Wildman, Eleanor Redder, and Peter Horbal**. It's great to have you with us.

A party was held on June 18 at Heartwellville Lodge in honor of **Jean Oldham** and **Manley Tyler** who were married on Saturday, June 21. Congratulations and best wishes to both of you.

Apologies to **Paul Trottier**. It was incorrectly stated in the last issue of the LOG that Paul graduated from Drury. Paul hails from Adams High.

Orchids to all our grads. Success in all that you do.

Our reporter, Fran, is sporting a silver bar lately.

Have a safe and sane Fourth.

Network and Filter Development Section

by Julie Desrosiers

We welcome **Dorothy Cilli, Rachel Leclaire, and Eloise Kaigle** to our department. Hope you like being with us.

Jack Dube was in for a visit. He looks fine and is enjoying his furlough from the Air Force.

Lorraine Bennett is on her vacation. She is going to Terre Haute, Indiana and Ashmore, Illinois. We also wish her a happy anniversary.

We all wish **Fred Scarborough's** father a speedy recovery.

Building 7

by Betty and Janice

Good luck to **Bob Smith** and his wife. They have moved into their new home.

Mr. **Teeple** enjoyed his vacation, which he spent in Maine.

The welcome mat is out for **Ed Keller, Paul Garnish, and Carol Clark**. We hope they enjoy working with us.

Tom Cullen and **John Puppolo** spent a week in Chicago on a business trip.

Beaver Street News**Metal Clad — Small Order**

by Della Keating

A fond farewell to **Nemrod Nowell** and **Ray Lemieux** and best of luck in their new positions.

A hearty welcome to our new Supervisor, **Michael Stefanik**. Also welcome to **Mary Benson** and **Fuad Nassif**.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roy on the birth of their daughter, June 15. The mother is Doris Roy, formerly of our department.

Best of wishes to **Fuad Nassif** of our department who was married on June 28 to **Constance Harrington** of the Sales Office, Marshall Street.

We miss **Margaret Adamcyk** who is on a leave of absence for a short while. We hope she will be back with us soon.

We hope **Jean Atwood** will soon be settled in her new home. She has been working hard on it.

Katherine Stinnette is spending her vacation in Virginia.

Best of luck to **Arlene Coody** who was married May 31 to **Walter Estes** who is employed at Marshall Street.

Alma Kent is proud of her daughter, Jean, who did a tap dance at the Drury Auditorium, June 24, with Beilke's Dance Revue.

A speedy recovery to **Jane Paradise's** mother who is very ill.

Bathtub Assembly (Balcony)

by Marie-Rose LaFlamme

A welcome back to **Agnes O'Grady** who has been out on leave. It's good having you back with us, Agnes. We missed that "I'm with you".

Irene Richardson is in second heaven right now. Her daughter, Barbara, is on her way home from Bermuda. Barbara's husband is being sent overseas. We will see more smiles on Irene now for she missed her daughter. We are happy for you, Irene.

Well, what do you know. **Jeff Barry** finally is driving his new Plymouth to work. Jeff takes plenty of teasing about it, but he knows it is all in fun.

Everyone is just overcome with the heat so we decided to talk about winter. We discussed, of all things, the blizzard of 1888, which none of us witnessed but it was fun imagining all the things that happened. Really, folks, we aren't crazy but it was a good way to keep cool.

Alice Chouinard

had her vacation last week. We hope she didn't get too much sun tan because we will be envious.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Emma Banas** on the death of her husband.

Bathtub Assembly

by Dora Landry

Our department was well represented at the graduations at Drury and St. Joseph's. **Alice Wright's** daughter, Mary, and **Frances Roy's** son were graduated from Drury. **Bertha Jennings'** daughter, Shirley, graduated from St. Joseph's. We wish these young people the best of luck and success as they go out into the world.

Vacations are starting. **Eleanore Durocher, Connie Urbano, and Leona McKinney** are relaxing and being ladies of leisure for two weeks.

Birthdays always are popping up in our department. Recently **Pauline McCuen** and **Janie Ciepiela** celebrated with cokes, songs, and best wishes from us all.

It's difficult to say who enjoys school proms more, the children or the parents. I guess it's only human for us parents to feel a little modest pride when our children step out in gowns and tux. **Mary Brooks'** son, Ronnie, **Theresa Paquin's** son, Tommy, **Bertha Jennings'** daughter, Shirley, and **Dora Landry's** daughter, Marie, attended the school proms.

Nancy and Teddy Pierce are back from their honeymoon. All the luck in the world to you, Mr. and Mrs.

Annie Maroni had her hands full on the Policemen's Field Day. She was like the old woman in the shoe. Annie couldn't see any child missing such an occasion because of no transportation. As a result, she drove many of the children herself.

Our department gets into everything. **Norman Wright** was a solicitor for the hospital drive. Good work, Norman, some day we all will be proud of our new hospital.

Miscellaneous Paper Finish

by Gert Noel

Congratulations to our Foreman, **Ray Brown**, and his wife who became the parents of a baby girl on June 12. The department sent Mrs. Brown flowers and started a bank account for the new arrival. Mrs. Brown's thank-you note was very cute.

Dot Duncan has returned from a vacation spent house cleaning.

Janet Haas and her husband are planning to open a laundry mart in Williamstown in the near future. We wish them the best of luck.

Several of the girls are acquiring nice tans, but **Anna Fourtou** overdid it and now she is one shade lighter than a cooked lobster.

Roger Delisle has received his notice from the Army and will depart July 21. We wish him the best of luck and a safe return.

Betty Fletcher will spend her vacation in Vermont the first two weeks of July.

Mary Lataif is following the horses. She just loves the harness races at Saratoga.

Gloria Amos, Lil Peck, and Alice Shays are taking in the stock car races in Bennington on Sundays. They tell us it is breathtaking.

I'm sure if we were to take a vote it would be agreed that a cutier or nicer person than **Theresa Garofano** could not be found.

Brown Street News**Mica**

by Betty Barcomb

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sharron. The grandmother is **Emily MacDonald** of the Mica and the

mother is **Ann Sharron** of Dry Rolling. Congratulations!

Julia Cirillo's daughter, Lieut. Katherine Cirillo, was home for the week end with her friend, Lieut. Rita Sieland. They are both stationed at the Naval Hospital in New London, Conn.

Mary Wilson is enjoying a week of vacation.

Ruth Bass has been out for two weeks. She had her tonsils removed. Birthday greetings to our Foreman, **Vern King**.

Molded Tubular Final Solder

by the Busy Bees

Frances Siciliano celebrated her wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Frances.

Mabel Lewitt has returned to work after enjoying her vacation.

We are glad to have **Dora Burns** back once more. Seems like old times again.

Irene Serventi has moved back to the country, Savoy, that is. From what we hear, she practically flies to work.

Ruth Durant is back to work. Ruth looks good and full of energy. It's nice to hear her laugh again.

We would like to say "hello" to **Marion Andrews** and **Mary Fulginiti** for we haven't forgotten them. Hope to see you back with us soon.

Industrial Oil Stacking

by A. Heath and L. Lewis

Congratulations to grandmas Emery and Hubbard. **Winnie Emery's** son has a brand new boy and **Ruby Hubbard's** daughter, Betty Martin of Highland, N. Y., had a baby boy. Betty formerly worked in the Office at Beaver Street.

Welcome back, **Martha Clark**. Glad you are feeling well again.

Betty Cota and her family are vacationing in Memphis, Tenn. It's Betty's first trip home in five years. Happy reunion, Betty.

Julia Dolle and her husband celebrated their 25th anniversary on June 7. They held open house all day and a delicious dinner was served. Julia and Pete received many gifts.

Bernie Plantier is on vacation. We hear she went to Boston.

Ella Nary has returned from her vacation. Did you get your house cleaning done, Ella?

We were looking for volunteers to help **Charlie Cyr** paint his flagpole. Flash — due to the recent thunderstorm — no flagpole!

Pedestrians, take notice! **Larry Benson** is putting his car on the road. A word to the wise.....

Showers

A personal shower was held on May 1 in honor of Virginia Mae Reece, of the Resistor Department, who will be married this month to James E. Kelly. After the bride-to-be was presented with numerous gifts, a buffet lunch was served.

Molly Scerbo was guest of honor at a miscellaneous and greenback shower given on May 18 at the V. F. W. home. Molly, who is employed in PAA Rolling, is to be married to Joseph Siciliano on June 14.

A greenback and miscellaneous shower was given for Jean Oldham in the social room of St. Andrew's Chapel in Blackinton on May 21. Jean and Manley A. Tyler, Jr. will be married on June 21. The bride-to-be works in the Specifications Engineering Office.

A combination bachelor party and shower was given in honor of Irene Lussier and Kenneth Boillat, of the Can Shop, on May 15 at the Lafayette Club. The couple will be married on June 28.

Metal Clad Tubular Finish

by Rita Johnson

Welcome back to **Vi Tatro** who has been out sick for some time.

Anne Patenaude has returned to work following two weeks of vacation with her son in Indianapolis.

Ann Gorczyca spent two enjoyable weeks vacationing, one in Boston, the other traveling through Canada.

Maude Sullivan spent a week end in Bridgeport, Conn.

Ethel Brown visited relatives in Stockbridge and enjoyed fishing in the Stockbridge Bowl.

Margaret O'Neil enjoyed a week end in Conn. recently.

Catharine Scott enjoyed Memorial Day week end with relatives in Baltimore, Maryland.

We understand **Bessie Lacy** is taking up stock car racing. Let us know when you enter the first race so we can be there to watch you, Bess.

We are pleased to hear that **Roma Sweeney's** mother is feeling much better.

Ernie LaCasse went fishing in the Deerfield last week end. All he caught was a cold from falling in the river.

Mabel Keller enjoyed a week end in Boston with her family.

Congratulations to Doris Roy, a former co-worker, on the birth of a baby boy.

Peggy Doyle celebrated her sixth wedding anniversary and entertained several of her co-workers at a luncheon party.

Ann Spagnolo celebrated her fifth wedding anniversary and was given a party by her co-workers.

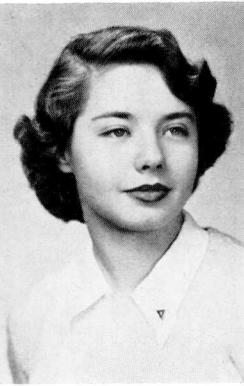
Laurette Levesque celebrated her birthday, June 18. Many happy returns of the day, Laurette.

Wire Coating

by Betty Jangrow

June Graduates ~ ~

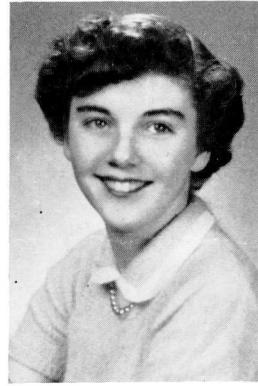
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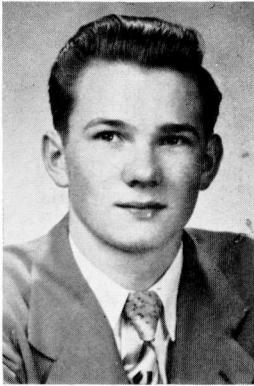
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Joyce Lataif



Mary Fitzgerald



Robert Moulton

Edwin C. Hubbard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Hubbard, received the doctor of medicine degree from Tufts College Medical School this month. The Doctor's mother, Ruby, is employed in Industrial Oil Stacking. **Marjorie Beverly** was a member of the class of 1952 at Williamstown High School. Marjorie has been accepted by the North Adams State Teachers College. Her mother, Bernice, works in Industrial Oils. **Mary Fitzgerald**, of Miscellaneous Paper Finish, is very happy that her daughter, Joyce, who graduated from Drury, plans to enter North Adams State Teachers College this fall. **Mary Fitzgerald** was an honor student of the St. Joseph class of 1952. Mary writes poetry, some of which was published in the 1951-1952 Anthology of Northeastern State Denominational High School Poetry. Agnes Fitzgerald, her mother, is employed in Paper Impregnation. **Robert Moulton**, son of Hazel Lillie of Flat Midget Assembly, graduated from Drury on June 14.

Resistor Assembly

by Chick and Chuck

Shirley Smith was given a farewell party at the North Adams Sportsmen's Club by her co-workers. She has left for California where she will visit her husband who is in the Air Force and stationed there.

Shirley Pugliese has gone to New Mexico for a month vacationing at her brother's home.

Stella Beauchamp also is vacationing in New Mexico.

Judy Fressola started her vacation June 17.

Welcome back to **John McFarlane** who has returned from his vacation.

Good luck to **Ralph Dow** who has left our department.

The cementers and trimmers miss **Barbara Griswold**, **Madeline Folino**, and **Ethel Murphy** and hope they return soon.

Harry Haddad has a new home at 87 North Holden Street. He recently purchased the house and has been spending his spare time planting a small garden so he won't have any potato worries.

**Personalities Aboard
The Good Ship Mica**

by Ruth M. Bass

We have a Pilot (Joan), a Bombardier (Cele), a Crews (Laura), and a King (Vern) aboard. One of us is very Sweet (Bill), and one of us is a Darling (Andy). We not only have a One Horse Shays (Joan), but a Maxwell (Mable) and a Mach (Loretta).

And while ---
We don't have Tom Collins,
we do have Grace.
We don't have the Smith Bros.,
we do have Peg.

We don't have Thunderbolt,
we do have Rumbolt (Dot).

We don't have the Coys,
we do have Martin (Kenny).
We don't have Old MacDonald and his farm,

we do have Emily.
We don't have President Harding,
we do have Jane.

We don't have the whole Aquarium,
we do have Bass (Ruth).
We don't have the Rock of Gibraltar,
we do have Rocky (Verna).

We don't have a Fine Comb,
we do have Barcomb (Betty).
We don't have Sammy Vincent,
we do have Sammy Vince.

We don't have Betsy Ross,
we do have Gladabelle.
We don't have Water Boy,
we do have Waterman (Jean).

We don't have Puppy,

we do have Kitty (Mariani).
We don't have Kefauver,
we do have Estes (Helen).

We don't have Casey Jones,
we do have Irene (Casey).

We don't have Lucille Ball,
we do have Little Lulu (Sinclitico).

We don't have Ted Williams,
we do have Ruthie.

We don't have a Horn,
we do have Toot Toot (Cirullo).

We don't have all the Jones Boys,
we do have Alden.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. John Sloane of Seattle, Washington have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Joan Sloane, to Pfc. Leonard Lewitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Lewitt. Pfc. Lewitt formerly was employed in Industrial Oils. The wedding is planned to take place soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Tondreau have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lucille A. Tondreau, to Charles P. Heinrich. Miss Tondreau, who is employed in the Sales Office, has set the date of the wedding for August 30.

Weddings

Miss Nancy Marie Davis, daughter of Mrs. Alice Davis Sweeney, became the bride of Theodore Paul Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pierce, on May 24 at Notre Dame church. The bride is employed in Bathtub Assembly and the groom works in Metal Clad Tubular Finish.

Miss Jane W. Doktor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Doktor, and Raymond O'Neil, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil, were married on May 24 at St. Thomas church. The bride works in the Resistor Department.

Miss Arline Isabella Cooley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Cooley, became the bride of Walter Richard Estes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Estes, on May 30 in the First Baptist church. The bride is employed in the Metal Clad Department and the groom works in the Ceramic Department.

Miss Virginia Mae Reece, daughter of Mrs. Mildred Reece and the late William J. Reece, and Airman 3rd Class James Edward Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly, were married in St. Francis' church on June 12. The bride is employed in Resistor Assembly.

July has always been a favorite time for picnicking—but now it's official—July has been designated "Picnic Month".

Perhaps you'll take to the open road during the long Fourth of July weekend to visit a favorite vacation site. Even if you are counting on your skill with a fishing pole to provide dinner, you'd better take a well-filled picnic hamper.

Main item in any picnic basket are sandwiches, lots of them, big and hearty, with all the olives and pickles you want. We suggest you add a few of the dessert-type sandwiches for variety—raisin bread and butter, or quick loaf sandwich breads spread with cream cheese and jelly.

Mellow summer apple sauce, nuts and brown sugar provide the good flavoring for today's Apple Sauce Bread. It's one of those easy-to-stir-up breads made by the quick muffin method, and provides lots of good nourishment for hungry folks. It needs only a filling of cream cheese or butter and it's ready to go in the picnic hamper. Bake it a day or two in advance of your picnic so that it will slice and travel better.

APPLE SAUCE BREAD

2 cups sifted enriched flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
4 teaspoon cloves
½ cup chopped nuts
1 egg
½ cup brown sugar
½ cup apple sauce
½ cup melted shortening

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and cloves. Add nuts. Beat egg and add brown sugar, apple sauce and shortening. Add to flour mixture alternately with milk. Gently stir in nuts. Pour into greased loaf pan. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 50 minutes to 1 hour. Makes 1 1-pound loaf.

No picnic is complete without a good selection in the dessert department! Fresh fruit with cookies, doughnuts or loaf cake are popular choices with both the one who fills the hamper and those who empty it. For fullest enjoyment of your day, stop at your bakery for baked treats and you'll be able to get a variety to please everyone.

If you have time in advance, you may wish to make either the Chocolate Brownies and Nut Doughnuts suggested here, or both. The cookies can be carried in the same pan in which they

were baked. Doughnuts are no problem to pack, and these well-spiced Nut Doughnuts will offer a surprise for the picnicking clan.

CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

2 cup sifted enriched flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
2 squares chocolate (2 ounces)
½ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup broken nut meats

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Melt together chocolate and shortening in top of double boiler. Add sugar and eggs. Mix well. Add flour mixture. Mix until smooth. Add vanilla extract and nuts. Mix well. Pour into greased pan, 8 x 8 x 2 inches. Bake in slow oven (325°F.) 35 minutes. Cut in 2-inch squares. When cool, remove from pan.

Makes 16 2-inch squares.

NUT DOUGHNUTS

2 cups sifted enriched flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon allspice
½ teaspoon ginger
¾ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons shortening
½ cup sugar
1 egg
½ cup milk
½ cup finely chopped nuts

Sift together flour, baking powder, spices and salt. Cream together shortening and sugar. Add egg and beat until light and fluffy. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture alternately with milk. Gently stir in nuts. Roll out on well floured board or pastry cloth about ½ inch thick. Cut with floured doughnut cutter. Fry in hot fat (375°F.). As soon as doughnuts rise to top of fat, turn. Turn frequently until doughnuts are golden brown. Dust with confectioners' sugar or granulated sugar while still warm or frost with confectioners' sugar icing when cool.

Makes about 2 dozen doughnuts and 2 dozen "holes."

the cool evening breezes appear, you probably like to eat outside once in a while in summer.

Here are some recipes tailor-made for "patio" or picnic eating. Because appetites often lag during hot weather, we've chosen recipes which are well chilled and light eating. They all contain one of the durum foods—spaghetti, macaroni and noodles. These foods, always popular, are even more frequent menu guests with the current potato shortage. Remember, too, the macaroni trio contains plant protein as well as food energy which are needed daily.

Food budget worries are lightened when you depend on durum wheat foods. For example, each of the recipes below contains from 3 to 4 ounces of spaghetti, macaroni or noodles; at a cost of about 6 cents for each recipe.

Molded Cantaloupe Salad makes perfect summer porch dining when served with tender, hot biscuits and jam and butter. It will make a filling dinner menu if you add a platter of cold cuts and iced tea and cupcakes. For variety, make this molded salad with other fruits, or try a different flavored gelatin.

MOLDED CANTALOUPE SALAD

1 package lemon flavored gelatin
½ cup hot water
1 cup pineapple juice
½ cup melon juice or water
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 cup cantaloupe balls
3 ounces medium noodles
½ cup halved green grapes

Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add fruit juices. Pour ½ cup gelatin mixture into 1½-quart mold. Arrange cantaloupe balls on bottom of mold. Chill in refrigerator while making other salad preparations. Cook noodles in boiling salted water until tender (about 6 minutes). Drain and rinse with cold water. Combine noodles and grapes with remaining gelatin mixture and pour into mold. Chill until firm. Unmold onto serving plate and garnish with lettuce. Serve with cream cheese dressing or mayonnaise. Makes 4 servings.

Diplomat—A person who can tell you to go places in such tactful manner that you'll look forward with pleasure to making the trip.

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Wednesday Credit Union Deadline . . .

There are approximately 1960 Sprague Electric people who are members of the Credit Union. And a great many of these members are withdrawing or borrowing money from the Credit Union every week.

The Credit Union Committee meets every Wednesday morning to consider the requests for loans. To be eligible for a loan, a person has to be a member of the Credit Union, have at least five dollars in his Credit Union account, have 6 months seniority in the Company, and be an employee in good standing. It is necessary to have one co-maker in applying for a loan over \$100, and two co-makers in applying for a loan over \$200. The co-makers have to be over 21 years of age. The requests for loans should be signed in ink.

After the Credit Union Committee approves the loans on Wednesday morning, the checks are made out and are ready to be picked up by Thursday. Checks for withdrawals also are made out on Wednesday. For the promptest service in getting a loan or making a withdrawal, have your request in by Wednesday morning.

By Thursday afternoon, the Credit Union checks are at the Personnel Department at Marshall Street, with Mildred Ottman at Brown Street, or with Walt Rohane at Beaver Street.

"Before-You-Leave" Precautions . . .

As vacation-time draws near, many plans are made for those relaxing days on the beach or in the mountains. But how many plans are made for a pleasant home-coming? Will you return home to find milk on your doorstep, furniture soaked because the windows were left open, or, worse still, some of your valuables missing? A few, simple "before-you-leave" precautions will prevent an unpleasant ending to an otherwise perfect vacation.

1. Stop milk, newspaper and other deliveries. Ask a neighbor to keep advertising circulars off your porch.

2. Leave window shades up instead of pulled down. If you are to be gone three weeks or more, arrange to have your lawn mowed. Prowlers watch for such tip-offs.

3. Notify post office to hold mail, or arrange delivery to a neighbor.

4. Lock windows and doors.

5. Shut off gas and water at main valves. Shut off electricity at master switch unless refrigerator or food locker is to be left on. If current must be left on, disconnect lamps and appliances at wall outlets. If refrigerator is disconnected, leave door open.

6. Inform police how long house will be vacant and where you can be reached in emergency.

7. Service car thoroughly, with close attention to safety features such as lights, brakes, tires, steering, wind-shield wipers.

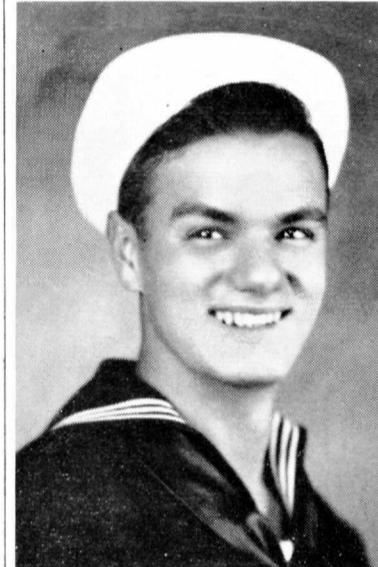
8. Put a first-aid kit and flashlight in glove compartment. Be sure you have all tire tools.

Personnel Advise . . .



It is very important to you that you notify Personnel if you change your address. It may mean the difference between a job or no job. If the Personnel Office doesn't have your correct address, they are not able to contact you.

Sailor Mazza



Russell J. Mazza, Jr., son of Mary Mazza of Test Equipment Engineering, is stationed in Little Creek, Virginia.

Fpc. Kimball Graduates From Infantry Academy

Fpc. Silas P. Kimball recently graduated from the 22nd Infantry Regiment's Non-commissioned Officer's Academy in Schweinfurt, Germany.

While at the school, Private First Class Kimball took advanced training in leadership techniques and tactics. The 22nd Regiment is part of the 4th Infantry Division.

Kimball, a cook in Company C, entered the Army in March, 1951.

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Social Security Highlights

1952 is an important year for Social Security. It seems to be a year in which a multitude of questions are popping up concerning the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Program. (Federally Operated)

To fully understand the situation at this time we must glance backward at the system as it has progressed.

There have been amendments from time to time, as Congress saw the need for them in the light of the growth of the program and changing economic and social conditions in the country.

Perhaps the amendments which were the most sweeping took effect in September, 1950. In the main, they (1) Increased monthly benefits substantially (2) Brought under the law large groups of gainfully employed people previously left out, and (3) Relaxed the requirements for entitlement to insurance benefits.

Included also were provisions for computing benefits in a different manner for those workers who meet certain qualifications. Basically, this is how it works:

For anyone reaching 65 years of age before July 1, 1954, and in the case of the death of a wage earner before that date, the amount of time needed for an insured status is only 6 calendar quarters of employment. That is, the worker must have earned at least \$50 in 6 different quarters any time after January 1, 1937. This provision has been referred to as the "new start". In January 1957, 12 quarters would be needed for a fully insured status.

Individuals who earn 6 quarters of coverage beginning January 1951 and after can have their benefit figured by a "new formula" which, in many cases, will result in a higher monthly payment than if the benefit were figured under the "old method" in use up to now. The "new formula" is also more simplified in that it provides that the benefit amount will be computed by taking 50% of the first \$100 of the worker's average monthly wage beginning in 1951 and then adding 15% of the remaining \$200 of his average monthly wage.

To illustrate—a worker who averages \$150 a month would receive \$50 (50% of \$100) plus \$7.50 (15% of \$50)—a total of \$57.50. A worker who averages \$200 a month would receive \$50 (50% of \$100) plus \$15 (15% of \$100)—a total of \$65.00.

However, for workers who meet the requirements and file a claim for benefits in the last half of 1952, the above payments may not be payable at once, due to a section of the law which states that in computing a person's average monthly wage, the total wages must be divided by at least 18 months even though 18 months' wages are not yet recorded in our records-keeping division in Baltimore. In such a case, the person would have to refile 6

months later to receive the full amount which is due him.

Of particular interest to women workers are the provisions of Survivors Insurance. Under the present Social Security law, there are monthly payments for qualified survivors of wage earners who have met the insured status requirements. Monthly payments may be made to a wage-earner's minor dependent children and their mother if he was only "currently insured" at the time of his death --- that is, if he had 6 calendar quarters of coverage in the three years previous.

Monthly payments to aged widows or aged dependent widowers, however, would require the wage earners to have been "fully insured". ("Fully insured" means a quarter of coverage for each two calendar quarters elapsing after a person is 21 or after 1950 and up to but not including the quarter of death or attainment of age 65).

Actually, Survivors Insurance is the most inexpensive life insurance that can possibly be purchased — a fact which is probably not generally realized.

There are three points which should be emphasized in a discussion of Retirement and Survivor's insurance in 1952. They are:

(1) It is not the purpose of the program to provide payments large enough to support a person who has reached retirement age. It is hoped that it will provide a sound basis on which to build his future security, so that together with other resources which he may have, such as private pensions, private insurance, property ownership, part-time earnings, help from children, etc., he may be provided with a reasonable standard of living.

(2) At this writing, and according to the law as it stands of this moment, there is no provision for an automatic increase in monthly payments to present beneficiaries.

(3) It may be well to remember that although there will be numerous cases where wage earners will retire and receive an \$80 per month benefit, this payment is by no means the typical one. Actually, from past experience, it is felt that the average monthly payment, once the effects of the operation of the "new formula" (as described previously) are felt, will probably be between \$55 and \$60 per month. (To a retired worker without dependents).

Thus 1952, is a year in which the full effects of the 1950 amendments seem to be being brought to the attention of the public. Since it is a program which has undergone a gradual evolution since its beginning, it is only reasonable to assume that it will continue to grow and be a better program in future years.